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SUBJECT: SOVIET V-E DAY CELEBRATIONS

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1. DURING FILM SHOW AT MY RESIDENCE EVENING APRIL 3,  
SOVIET EMBASSY COUNSELOR DROUJININE CALLED ME ASIDE AND  
MENTIONED UPCOMING 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF DEFEAT OF NAZI

GERMANY. HE SUGGESTED THAT AMERICAN

AND SOVIET EMBASSIES

HOLD JOINT REPEAT JOINT COMMEMORATION OF EVNT. REPLYING  
THAT

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ALTHOUGH I WOULD ANTICIPATE

ATTENDING CEREMONEY HOSTED  
BY SOVIET EMBASSY, I COULD NOT OFFER ENCOURAGEMENT ON  
JOINT SPONSORSHIP OF EVENT WITHOUT SPECIFIC APPROVAL FROM  
WASHINGTON. I STATED  
VERY FRANKLY THAT USG WOULD NOT  
WISH TO DO ANYTHING WHICH WOULD OFFEND OUR WEST GERMAN  
ALLIES TO WHICH DROUJININE REPLIED THAT EVENT IS DESIGNED TO  
COMMEMORATE DEFEAT OF NAZI GERMANY AND HAS NO APPLICABILITY  
TO FRG. AT THIS POINT WE WERE INTERRUPTED AND DROUJININE  
CONCLUDED BY SAYING HE WILL GET IN TOUCH WITH ME AGAIN  
ON THIS MATTER.

2. FOLLOWING MORNING I DISCUSSED QUESTION WITH FRG CHARGE  
SCHAFFER  
(GERMAN AMBASSADOR VON MAGNUS IS ON EXTENDED HOME  
LEAVE). HE WAS SURPRISED BY DROUJININE'S SUGGESTION THAT  
SOVIETS AND AMERICANS HOST JOINT COMMEMORATION. IN FACT,  
SCH  
FFER ADDED, HIS EMBASSY HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED NOT REPEAT  
NOT TO ATTEND ANY SUCH EVENT. I EXPLAINED  
TO SCHAFFER THAT  
DROUJININE WAS GIVEN NO ENCOURAGEMENT ON QUESTION OF JOINT  
SPONSORSHIP ALTHOUGH OUR EMBASSY, IF INVITED, WOULD MOST  
PROBABLY ATTEND SOVIET-SPONSORED FUNCTION. SCHAFFER  
EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR CONSULTATION AND  
SAID HE WILL  
TRY TO DETERMINE IF FRENCH HAVE ALSO BEEN ASKED TO TAKE PART.

3. FRENCH AMBASSADOR GAUTHIER ATTENDED SAME FILM SHOW

T RESIDENCE PREVIOUS EVENING. ALTHOUGH DROUJININE TALKED  
WITH GAUTHIER, FRENCH AMBASSADOR DID NOT INDICATE TO ME  
WHETHER OR NOT QUESTION OF SOVIET V-E DAY CELEBRATION  
CAME UP.

4. COMMENT: ONLY EXAMPLE OF JOINT ACTIVITY CITED  
BY DROUJININE WAS FILM SHOW, ALTHOUGH HE MAY  
HAVE SOMETHING  
ELSE IN MIND. JUDGING BY INITIAL REACTION OF FRG EMBASSY,

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WEST GERMANS WOULD LOOK WITH GREAT  
DISFAVOR ON OUR  
JOINT SPONSORSHIP OF SUCH EVENT. AT SAME TIME,  
SOVIET EMBASSY IN NOUAKCHOTT TAKES DETENTE SERIOUSLY  
AND WILL CERTAINLY RAISE MATTER AGAIN. WOULD APPRECIATE  
FURTHER GUIDANCE ASAP, IDEALLY BEFORE DROUJININE CONTACTS  
US SECOND TIME. SHINN

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